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MEDICAL PUBLICATIONS FOR 1949 LISTED

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In 1948 Medgiz (State Medical Press) published a total of 532 books representing a total of 5,885 manuscript sheets which had a circulation of 10 million copies. Even more will be published in 1949.

In the first 4 months of 1949 some 129 titles have been published. This is only 39.2 percent of the quota assigned for this period.

During the period 1946 - 1948 a total of 130 books were published which dealt with various aspects of military medicine. In 1949 plans call for the publication of 25 books of this type, including N. N. Yelanskiy's "Military Field Surgery"; A. G. Gukasyan's "Military Field Therapy," and P. A. Kupriyanov's "Atlas of War Traumata."

One of the largest works to be published in 1949 will be the 35-volume "Experiences of Soviet Medicine during World War II from 1941 to 1945." At the same time it is necessary to keep in mind the importance of scientific and research literature. In the past 3 years there have been 300 various titles annually in this category. In 1949 there will be 100 new titles, dealing with various problems of public health, including Ye. K. Sepp's "Development of the Nervous System," G. Ya. Siniy's "Microbiological Methods of Investigation of Infectious Diseases," N. A. Bogaraz's "Plastic Surgery," A. L. Myasnikov's "Kidney Diseases," I. A. Kassirskiy's "Hemopathy," N. G. Stoyko's "Surgical Treatment of Tuberculosis," S. O. Dalitskiy's "Prophylaxis and Treatment of Children's Diseases," L. M. Ratner's "Erroneous Diagnosis and Early Diagnosis of Cancer," A. A. Lozinskiy's "Lectures on Balneotherapy," and M. A. Somashko's "Hospitals United with Polyclinics."

The lack of good texts for medical schools was somewhat corrected in 1948 when 40 texts were published. Plans for 1949 call for the publication of 43

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texts with a circulation of one million. There are too many texts dealing with pathologic physiology, epidemiology, microbiology, and psychiatry and not enough on biology and histology. In 1948 Medgiz organized a competition for new texts. As a result, 20 new texts were made available to medical institutes and 4 were made available to middle medical schools. A total of 83 new texts will be published during 1948-1949. These will have a circulation of 2 million. In accordance to a decree of the Ministry of Public Health, the first books to be published will deal with the history of Soviet medicine.

The "Practicing Physician's Library" series will be continued in 1949. This series has proven to be very popular with doctors. Plans are also being made for the production of "The Sanitation Physician's Library" and "The Middle Medical and Young Medical Worker's Library."

There is a great demand for handbooks and atlases. A series known as "Soviet Medicine Reference Series" started in 1948 will be continued in 1949. Fifteen pamphlets of the series have already been published and 14 more are in the process of publication. The first 25 booklets of the series will contain a wealth of material and data on various specialties. They will also summarize the contents of some 12,500 books.

Books on traumatology and organization of public health will be published. Emphasis will be placed on the publication of manuals and dictionaries, as this category is particularly deficient. Many important books attesting to the excellence of Soviet scientists will be published in 1949. Among them will be D. I. Ivanovskiy's "Discovery of Virus," L. V. Sobolev's "Diabetes," M. N. Chebokrasov's "Nervous Regulation of Endocrine Glands," V. V. Pravdich-Neminskiy's "Bioelectric Phenomena in the Central Nervous System," F. V. Ovsyannikov's "Vasomotor Center in the Medulla Oblongata," and others. Another important series now going into print is known as the "Contributors to Soviet Medicine." There will be booklets on I. P. Pavlov, L. A. Orbeli, K. M. Bykov, V. P. Filatov, Ye. N. Pavlovskiy, P. F. Borovskiy, N. N. Khodukin, L. M. Isayev, M. I. Arihkin, A. N. Kryukov, A. A. Bogomol'ts, and others.

It is regretted that there have been few books dealing with the Socialistic system of organizing public health. This will be corrected in 1949. Several books will be published dealing with the history of public health in the USSR and the activities of the Academy of Medical Sciences and chairs at various institutions.

Fifteen books of the popular science series will be published in 1949. These will discuss such subjects as cancer, hygiene, nutrition, and infectious diseases and will permit the public to understand some of the complexities of this subject. At the same time 42 books dealing with sanitation and hygienic measures will be published. Circulation of this latter category will be from 50,000 to 200,000.

Plans will continue for the publication in 1950 of a series dealing with the specific pathology of various regions of the USSR. During 1949, however, individual monographs will be published which will discuss various aspects of pathology in the krays of the USSR.

Authors as well as editors are urged to improve the quality of their work in order to eliminate many of the errors which cropped up in 1948 publications. It is also urged that bad as well as good reviews be included in various periodicals, as under the present system, where the majority of the reviews are poor, the reader is liable to get the wrong impression.

The Leningrad Branch of Medgiz has been very active. In 1948 it published 125 books representing a total of 1,330 manuscript sheets. The first floor of

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this building is nothing more than a bookshop which handles the medical periodicals as well as factory trade journals and bulletins of various medical enterprises. Pamphlets and journals covering 30 categories can be obtained at this shop. Comparable to the book stalls along the left bank of the Seine, the shop is frequented by Academicians and students who come there to familiarize themselves with the state of medical knowledge in the USSR.

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